GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Commercial Tax Department – Allegations of corruption of illegal gratification against the officers, Integrated Check Posts Naraharipet, Chittoor District – Surprise check conducted on 21-12-2013 – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri I.V.Ranga Rao, DCTO & AO of ICP, (CT) and (14) others – Written Statement of Defense submitted – Inquiring Authority Appointed – Inquiry report submitted in respect of 10 Charged Officers – Inquiry Officer retired from Government service - Appointment of another Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges of remaining (5) Charged Officers - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.475 Dated:28-06-2022

Read the following:

1. DG, ACB Lr.C.No.47/DES-TCT/2013, dt:22-06-2016.
2. G.O.Ms.No. 323, Rev (Vig.II) Dept, Dt.01.04.2015.
3. G.O.Rt.No.800 to 805 & 807 to 815, Rev (Vig.II) Dept, Dt.07.09.2015.
4. CCT's Lr.No.V3/926/2013, Dt.27.04.2016.
5. Transport Commissioner Lr.No.12304/V2/2013, Dt.06.06.2016.
6. Dy Commnr of P&E, Chittoor, Rc.No.A/379/2015, Dt.24.01.2017.
7. G.O.Rt.No.99, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, Dt.12.01.2018.
8. G.O.Rt.No.100, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, Dt.12.01.2018.
9. From the CCT's Ref.No.V3/926/2013, Dt.02.05.2019.
10. Memo No.16199/Vig.II(3)/2015, Dt.27.11.2020.
11. From the CCT's Ref.No.V3/926/2013, Dt.22.12.2020.

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ORDER:

Where as in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has reported that a Surprise Check was conducted over the Integrated Check Post, Naraharipet, Chittoor District on 21-12-2013 and recommended to initiate disciplinary proceedings against Sri I.V.Ranga Rao, DCTO & AO of ICP, (CT) and (15) others. (10 Charged Officers of CT Departments 3 Charged Officers of Prohibition & Excise Department and 2 charged Officers of Transport Department) for violation of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. After examining the matters Government have initiated common disciplinary proceedings against all the charged officers, vide GO 2nd read above and framed article of charges vide reference 3rd read above. The Charged Officers submitted their explanations. After examining the same and after following due procedures Government have appointed Sri C.Venugopal, Assistant Commissioner O/o Deputy Commissioner, Chittoor as Inquiring Authority vide G.O.7th read above for conducting enquiry into the charges framed against the said (15) Charged Officers. The Inquiry Authority has furnished Inquiry Report through letter 9th read above in respect of 10 Charged Officers of Commercial Taxes Departments (out of 15 COs).

3. The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Vijayawada, vide letter 11th read above, has stated that the Inquiry Authority Sri C.Venugopal, Assistant Commissioner, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Chittoor retired from Government service on attaining the age of superannuation on the A.N. of 30.06.2020. Enquiry in respect of the remaining (5) Charged Officers belonging to P&E and Transport Departments is pending and hence, requested the Government to appoint suitable officer as Inquiry Authority for conducting enquiry into the charges framed against the remaining (5) Charged Officers in this case viz., Sri V. Madhusudhan, Motor Vehicle Inspector; Sri Bepari Nanne Sahem, Tr. Head Constable; Sri G.P. Vijay Kumar, P&E Inspector; Sri G. Sandeep, P&E Sub-Inspector and; Sri A. Ravi Kumar, P&E Head Constable.

(P.T.O)

4. Now, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, the disciplinary authority hereby appoints Sri P. John Stevenson, Joint Commissioner (ST), Chittoor as Inquiring Authority to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against the remaining five (5) Charged Officers i.e., 3 P&E Departments officials and (2) Transport Department officials viz., Sri V. Madhusudhan, Motor Vehicle Inspector; Sri Bepari Nanne Sahem, Tr. Head Constable; Sri G.P. Vijay Kumar, P&E Inspector; Sri G. Sandeep, P&E Sub-Inspector and; Sri A. Ravi Kumar, P&E Head Constable. The Inquiring Authority is directed to complete the enquiry within one month time and furnish the inquiry report to Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

N.GULZAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (CT)

To
Sri P. John Stevenson, Joint Commissioner of State Tax, Chittoor.
Sri C.Venugopal, Assistant Commissioners O/o Deputy Commissioners Chittoor (now Retd)

Copy to:
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioners Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi, Guntur District.
The Director Generals Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, P.N.Bus Station, NTR Administrative Block, IInd Floor, Vijayawada (with a request to furnish the material / documents as mentioned in Annexures-III & IV directly to Inquiring Authority).
Smt. P.Padmavathi, Commercial Tax Officer-I Circle, Chittoor who is the presenting officer in case.
The Deputy Commissioner, Commercial Tax, Chittoor District.
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//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER